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Amendments to the Claims:

The Listing of Claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Packaging for a cigar, said packaging comprising:
_____ a hull that defines an inner space:
a sealing cover having a base surface that has a sealing side and that has a top side that is oppositely located from said sealing side, the sealing side of said base surface closing off one end of the inner space of said hull at times when the sealing cover is connected to the hull, said sealing cover further including an open ended hull that is connected to the top side of the base surface of said sealing cover, said open ended hull defining an inner space; and
a cigar cutter that is secured to the top side of the base surface of said sealing cover and that is located in the inner space that is defined by said open ended hull.
2. (canceled) The cigar packaging according to claim 1 wherein the sealing cover includes an open ended hull that is connected to the stop side of the base surface of said sealing cover, said open ended hull defining an inner space with said cigar cutter located in said inner space.
3. (currently ~~presented~~ ^{amended}) The cigar packaging according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the cigar cutter is comprised of a ring shaped cutting blade.
4. (previously presented) The cigar packaging according to claim 3 wherein the cutting blade defines a circumferential, straight cutting edge.